

Marine Sanctuary (P625), requests a research permit under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217–227).

The applicant requests a five-year research permit to take up to 25 listed loggerhead sea turtles each year in the waters within and adjacent to the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary and on Wassaw, Ossabaw, Sapelo, or Blackbeard Islands on the Georgia coast. The turtles would be taken for examination, tagging, testing, observation, collection of biological information, rehabilitation if necessary, and release. Turtles would be acquired by takes from the wild and also from sources authorized to incidentally capture. Animals would be tagged with flipper (incone), and PIT (passive inductive transponder) tags, radio, sonic, or satellite telemeters. Biological information would be collected in the form of blood samples. All information gathered would augment an extensive sea turtle database used to study population trends, migrations, habitat, and diving behavior.

Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

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Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of an application for modification 1 to scientific research permit 994 (P497D).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Moscow, ID (ICFWRU) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit that authorizes a take of threatened species for the purpose of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before February 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3226 (301–713–1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232–4169 (503–230–5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ICFWRU requests a modification to a permit under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217–227).

Permit 994 currently authorizes ICFWRU (P497D) takes of adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to assess the passage success of migrating adult salmonids at the four dams and reservoirs in the lower Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest, evaluate fish responses to specific flow and spill conditions, and evaluate measures to improve passage. For modification 1, ICFWRU proposes to include adult sockeye salmon in the study, a percentage of which will be adult, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*). Adult sockeye salmon are proposed to be captured, anesthetized, fitted with radio transmitters and identifier tags, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Once returned to the river, the movement and migration timing of each fish will be recorded at fixed-site and mobile receiver stations as the fish migrate upstream. Primary benefits of the study will be the ability to identify areas in the fishways that are problematic for adult passage and to determine the proportion of salmonids that pass the upstream dams and enter tributaries to spawn, enter hatcheries, are taken in fisheries, or are losses between the dams. Modification 1 is requested for the duration of the permit. Permit 994 expires on December 31, 2000.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Mercantile Exchange: Proposed Amendments Relating to the Delivery Procedures, Quality Standards and Quality Price Differentials, and Speculative Position Limit Specifications for the Live Cattle Futures Contract

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed contract market rule change.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) has submitted proposed amendments to its live cattle futures contract. The primary proposed amendments will: (1) Modify the par yield grade and weight range specifications and the sources and calculation methods for establishing price differentials for non-par quality grades, yield grades, and carcass-weights; (2) extend the delivery period for live-graded deliveries by five business days; (3) change the last trading day of expiring contract months; and (4) increase to 600 from 300 contracts the spot month speculative position limit applicable on those days preceding the last five trading days, with the existing limit of 300 contracts being retained during the last five trading days of the contract month.

In accordance with section 5a(a)(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act and acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, the Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission) has determined, on behalf of the Commission, that the proposed amendments are of major economic significance. On behalf of the Commission, the Division is requesting comment on this proposal.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 18, 1997.